--- 5 Cigarettes - “Macdonald Tobacco” - 1935-39 ---

“Macdonald Tobacco” had begun production of a five cigarette 5¢ package under the Budget of 1932, with their first listed example, using the *perforated* Series “A”, coming from December 1932. By July 1933 they had begun use of the *imperforate* Series “A” stamp. The hidden letters “B-A” indicate that the die had been approved for BABN in 1935. It was printed in a plate of 130 stamps (13 x 10).

Their first listed use of the *imperforate* five cigarette Series “C” comes from August 1935. Macdonald’s violet mimeographed cancellation format remained unchanged from 1933 until it was discontinued in 1942.

--- the mimeographed cancellation reads vertically down - 20 copies to date ---

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, mimeographed **1-10-D / 8-35** by “Macdonald Tobacco” in August 1935

[★RC-373]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8-35	---	---	11-35	---
1936	---	---	3-36	---	5-36	6-36	---	---	---	---	---	---
1937	1-37	---	3-37	---	---	---	---	8-37	9-37	---	---	12-37
1938	---	2-38	---	---	5-38	6-38	7-38	---	9-38	---	---	12-38
1939	1-39	---	---	4-39	---	---	7-39	8-39	9-39	---	---	---

When the first wartime Budget of September 12th 1939 increased the excise duty on *small cigarettes* from $ 4.00 to $ 5.00 per thousand (a boost of $1.00 per 1000 or 1¢ per ten cigarettes) the manufacturers responded by decreasing their package sizes by one cigarette per pack of ten or major fraction thereof, and the five cigarette pack was reduced to four cigarettes, and the five cigarette series ceased until its post-war revival as a *complimentary* item.

Following September 1939, “Macdonald Tobacco” overprinted their remaining sheets of the imperforate five cigarettes with a four cigarette black mimeograph as the Macdonald provisional **RC-442**.

--- 5 Cigarettes - “Macdonald Tobacco” - 1961-68 ---

--- with a single, 2½ mm. “elite” mimeographed letter, over “1-10D**” - 3 copies to date ---**

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded 1-10D / M by “Macdonald Tobacco” in July 1962

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1962	--	--	--	--	--	--	M	--	O	P	--	--

--- with a 2½ mm. light blue “elite” plus a digit over “1-10D**” - 10 copies to date ---**

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded 1-10D / Q-1 by “Macdonald Tobacco” in January 1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1963	Q-1	Q-2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	C-3	D-1	---	---
1966	---	E-2	E-3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	I-2	---	---	---	---	---	---	K-3	---	---	---
1968	---	---	M-3	---	---	---	---	---	O-3	---	---	---

--- 5 Cigarettes - “Macdonald Tobacco”, Montreal - 1969 ---

Late in 1968 the “Wings” variation of the Series “C” was introduced. As there was no 5 cigarettes “Wings” stamp, the sequence continues on **RC-373** using the new cancellation font.

--- mimeographed in deep blue using an IBM Selectric floating ball - 3½ mm. Roman characters - 2 copies to date ---

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **1-10D / Q-2** by “Macdonald Tobacco” in February 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968							---	---	---	---	---	---
1969	---	Q-2	---	R-1	---	---						

--- mimeographed in greenish blue using an IBM Selectric floating ball - 3½ mm. Roman characters - a single copy to date ---

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **1-10D / S-1** by “Macdonald Tobacco” in July 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1969	---	---	---	---	---	---	S-1	---	---	---	---	---

--- 5 Cigarettes - the Complete “Macdonald Tobacco” sequence - 1961-74 ---

In 1974 “Macdonald Tobacco” was purchased by “R. J. Reynolds Industries” of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Four years later, in 1978 the company name was changed to “RJR - Macdonald Incorporated”.

At this time, it seems that “Macdonald Tobacco” was using a monthly coding system, with the *year-quarter* represented by the *letter*, and the *month of the quarter* represented by the attached *number*. Thus, working backwards from August 1974, gives the following table - All of these also occur in “Quebec” red.

--- in typewritten mimeograph on Series “C” (in light blue ink) ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	B	C	D	E	F
1962	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	P-2	P-3
1963	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	R-1	R-2	R-3	S-1	S-2	S-3	T-1	T-2	T-3
1964	U-1	U-2	U-3	V-1	V-2	V-3	W-1	W-2	W-3	X-1	X-2	X-3
1965	A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3
1966	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3
1967	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3
1968	M-1	M-2	M-3	N-1	N-2	N-3						

--- mimeographed using an IBM Selectric floating ball - 3½ mm. Roman characters ---

1968			(in blue-purple ink)				O-1	O-2	O-3	P-1	P-2	P-3
1969	**Q-1**	**Q-2**	**Q-3**									

--- similarly mimeographed on the “Wings” Series (in blue-green ink) ---

1969				**R-1**	**R-2**	**R-3**	**S-1**	**S-2**	**S-3**	**T-1**	**T-2**	**T-3**
1970	**U-1**	**U-2**	**U-3**	**V-1**	**V-2**	**V-3**	**W-1**	**W-2**	**W-3**	**X-1**	**X-2**	**X-3**
1971	**Y-1**	**Y-2**	**Y-3**	**Z-1**	**Z-2**	**Z-3**						

--- mimeographed using an IBM Selectric floating ball - 4 mm. thin Gothic characters (in blue-green ink) ---

1971							A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3
1972	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3
1973	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3
1974	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3	M-1	M-2	---	---	---	---

The sequence ends at M-2 which would be August 1974.

--- 5 Cigarettes - perf 11 - “Macdonald Tobacco” - in RED ink for Quebec sales - 1961-68 ---

--- a single, 2½ mm. “elite” mimeographed letter, over “1-10D” - 2 copies to date ---

★**RC-372** - 5 cigarettes, perf 11, coded 1-10D / E by “Macdonald Tobacco” in November 1961

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	E	F
1962	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--- a single, 2½ mm. “elite” mimeographed letter, over “1-10D” - 2 copies to date ---

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded 1-10D / H by “Macdonald Tobacco” in July 1962

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1962	--	H	--	--	--	--	--	N	--	--	--	--

The collection ***does not contain*** a red coded copy from 1963-68 - Q-1 to N-3

--- mimeographed using an IBM Selectric floating ball - 3½ mm. Roman characters - 4 copies to date ---

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded **1-10D / Q-1** by "Macdonald Tobacco" in January 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968							---	---	---	---	---	---
1969	**Q-1**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1970	---	---	---	---	**V-2**	---	---	---	---	**X-1**	---	---
1971	**Y-1**	---	---	---	---	---						
					Also		**Y-5**					

--- mimeographed using an IBM Selectric floating ball - 4 mm. thin Gothic characters - 6 copies to date ---

★**RC-373** - 5 cigarettes, imperf, coded 1-10D / A-2 by "Macdonald Tobacco" in August 1971

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1971							---	A-2	A-3	---	B-2	---
1972	---	---	---	---	D-2	---	---	E-2	E-3	---	---	---
1973	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1974	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				

The sequence ends at M-2 which would be August 1974.

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